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Summary: Two large railway repair shops which are to be fully equipped with modern machinery are under construction; one in the Northwest Administrative Area and the other in the Southwest Administrative Area. Operations in a portion of the shops are expected to begin in early 1954 and both projects to be in operation in 1955.

The construction of the bridge over the Chuang-lang Ho on the Lan-chou -- Sinkiang railway line was completed 4 August 1953, and the next day the laying of track was begun west of Chuanglang ho./

RR REPAIR SHOPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 12 Aug 53

(Hsin-hua) -- Two large railway repair shops are under construction for the repair of rolling stock, one in the Northwest and one in the Southwest Administrative Areas /location not specified/. Work on the Northwest shops was begun in 1951; some of the most important structures are finished and the machine equipment is now being installed. It is expected that a portion of the shops will begin operations in the spring of 1954, and both projects are to be completed in 1955.

Work on the Southwest shops was begun in 1952. At present, the structure for the locomotive machine shop and some workmen's dormitories have been completed. Work will be stepped up during the third quarter of this year, so that the forge and smelting room, supply warehouse, and additional dormitories will be finished by the end of this year.

When completed, these two repair shops will be able to handle the repairs, supply replacement parts, and assemble both passenger and freight cars for the railways of the Northwest and the Southwest. The Southwest shops will be equipped to handle locomotive repairs.

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